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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: V. Nguyen  
TOSHIO SAKURAI )  
: Group Art Unit: 2126  
Application No.: 09/715,109 )  
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For: PRINTER AND CONTROL )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application

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